

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 214  
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A RESOLUTION to name a certain scenic overlook on Interstate  
181 in Unicoi County in honor of Representative  
Zane Whitson.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain public  
byways and bridges to honor those outstanding public servants whose efforts have redounded  
to the great benefit of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Zane Whitson has served with intelligence, dedication and compassion as a  
member of the Tennessee House of Representatives for ten terms and nearly twenty years,  
astutely serving the best interests of his constituents in the Fifth House District; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished tenure in this General Assembly,  
Representative Zane Whitson has been the very epitome of effective public service and he has  
been a knowledgeable voice in support of good government responsive to the needs of all  
citizens; and

WHEREAS, he has served his constituents with both acumen and alacrity and has  
distinguished himself as a legislator of exceptional ability and unblemished integrity; and

WHEREAS, his intensive experience in both the public and private sectors prepared him  
well for his estimable and loyal service to the good people of Unicoi County as their  
representative on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, through his tireless efforts as Unicoi County's State Representative and  
Director of Economic Development, Zane Whitson has been instrumental in building a better  
future for thousands of his fellow citizens; and

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WHEREAS, the construction of the new U.S. 23 highway (future Interstate 26) through Unicoi County is a direct result of his commitment to progress and economic prosperity for his constituents. His dedication to this project was the primary reason this dream was realized; and

WHEREAS, for nearly two decades, new industries have moved to Unicoi County, providing needed new jobs and economic stability, thanks in large part to the exemplary efforts of Representative Zane Whitson; and

WHEREAS, He has made countless positive contributions to his district through his worthy endeavors in the House of Representatives, and through his unmatched willingness to listen to and solve problems, no matter how small; he has enriched the lives of his friends and neighbors in Unicoi County and statewide; and

WHEREAS, his trademarks of dedication and willingness to help others are overshadowed possibly only by his humble approach to public service: secure in the knowledge that he has done his job well, he oftentimes allows many others to share in the limelight; and

WHEREAS, his colleagues firmly believe that Representative Zane Whitson should be appropriately honored for his meritorious service to his constituents and the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the scenic overlook on Interstate 181 at the Clear Branch community in Unicoi County is hereby designated as the “Zane Whitson Overlook” in honor of this exemplary public servant’s praiseworthy service to the good people of Unicoi County and the entire citizenry of the State of Tennessee and his stalwart leadership as an astute and proficient member of this General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers so designating such scenic overlook as the “Zane Whitson Overlook”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an additional copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative Whitson, with the final five resolving clauses omitted from such copy.